

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-4 as follows:

1 1. (Twice Amended) A method for managing [programming] program listings
2 comprising:
3 storing a database of available [programming] program listings comprising a plurality
4 of program/event entries;
5 utilizing a first filter, which selects a [first] subset of programs [according to some
6 criteria, and a second filter, which selects a second subset of programs according to another criteria,]
7 to generate an electronic program guide displaying [programming] program listings included in said
8 [first] subset, [and said second subset]
9 [wherein at least some of the programs of the first subset are different from the
10 programs of the second subset, wherein at least some of the programs of the second subset are
11 different from the programs of the first subset]
12 wherein the filter comprises a list of program/event entries.

1 2. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 utilizing said first filter and a [said] second filter having
3 a list of program/event entries with the second filter selecting a second subset of
4 programs to generate an electronic program guide displaying [programming] program listings
5 including all of the programs included in said first subset and all of the programs included in said
6 second subset.

1 3. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising :
2 utilizing said first filter and said second filter, wherein at least some of the [programs]
3 program/event entries of the first subset are the same as at least some of the [programs]
4 program/event entries of the second subset, with the second filter [having a higher priority than said

first filter], to generate an electronic program guide displaying [programming] program listings including programs included in both said first and second subsets.

4. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising [the steps of]:
creating a filter utilizing a list of program/event entries in the [programming] program listing database.

Please cancel claim 5.

Please amend claims 6, 7, and 9-12 as follows:

6. (Amended) The method of claim [5] 1, wherein, [the] a set of program/event entries corresponding to the list intersects [the] a set of program entries corresponding to program/event entries in the database of available [programming] program listings.

7. (Amended) The method of claim [5] 6 wherein the set of program/event entries corresponding to the list is a proper subset of the set of program/event entries corresponding to program entries in the database of available [programming] program listings.

9. (Amended) A system for managing [programming] program listings comprising:
a memory storing a database of available [programming] program listings comprising a plurality of program/event entries;

a memory storing a first filter [having certain criteria] comprising a first list of program/event entries;

a memory storing a second filter [having different criteria from the memory storing the first filter] comprising a second list of program/event entries; and

a processor which selects a first subset of programs according to the first filter and a second subset of programs according to the second filter to generate an electronic program guide displaying [programming] program listings included in said first subset and said second subset,

11 wherein at least some of the programs in the first subset are different from the
12 programs of the second subset, wherein at least some of the programs in the second subset are
13 different from the programs of the first subset.

1 10. (Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further configured to
2 utilize said first filter and said second filter to generate an electronic program guide displaying
3 [programming] program listings including all of the programs included in said first subset and all
4 of the programs included in said second subset.

1 11. (Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further configured to
2 utilize said first filter and said second filter, wherein at least some of the programs of the first filter
3 are the same as at least some of the programs of the second filter, [with the second filter having a
4 higher priority than said first filter,] to generate an electronic program guide displaying
5 [programming] program listings including programs included in both said first and second subsets.

12. (Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the process is further configured to
create a filter utilizing program/event entries in the [programming] program listing database.

Please cancel claim 13.

Please amend claims 14-15 and 17-21 as follows:

1 14. (Amended) The system of claim [13] 9 wherein [the] a set of program/event entries
2 corresponding to the [list] first and second lists intersects [the] a set of program/event entries
3 corresponding to program entries in the database of available [programming] program listings.

1 15. (Amended) The system of claim 14 wherein the set of program entries
2 corresponding to the list is a proper subset of the set of program entries corresponding to program
3 entries in the database of available [programming] program listings.

1 17. (Amended) A method for managing [programming] program listings comprising:
2 storing a database of available [programming] program listings comprising a plurality
3 of program/event entries;
4 displaying a user configuration screen having a plurality of program/event sources,
5 a first program filter comprising a first list of program/event entries and a second program filter
6 comprising a second list of program/event entries;
7 selecting at least one of the plurality of program/event sources, the first program filter
8 and the second program filter from the user configuration screen;
9 filtering programs of the at least one of the plurality of program/event sources
10 utilizing the first program filter to produce a first subset of programs [according to some criteria];
11 filtering programs of the at least one of the plurality of program/event sources
12 utilizing the second program filter to produce a second subset of programs [according to another
13 criteria]; and
14 generating an electronic program guide displaying [programming] program listings
15 included in said first subset and said second subset;
16 wherein at least some of the programs of the first subset are different from the
17 programs of the second subset, wherein at least some of the programs of the second subset are
18 different from the programs of the first subset.

1 18. (Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein the electronic program guide displays
2 [programming] program listings including all of the programs included in said first subset and all
3 of the programs included in said second subset.

1 19. (Amended) The method of claim 17 [wherein the first subset of programs
2 produced by the first program filter is a first list of programs, and the second subset of programs
3 produced by the second program filter is a second list of programs,] wherein at least some of the
4 programs [produced by the filters] in the first and second subsets are the same, wherein the first and
5 second lists of [programs] program/event entries [are] intersect, and wherein the electronic program
6 guide displays [programming] program listings consisting of programs produced in both said first
7 and second subsets.

1 20. (Amended) An interactive filter selective mechanism of available [programming]
2 program listings comprising:
3 a database of available [programming] program listings comprising a plurality of
4 program/event entries;
5 a plurality of program/event sources;
6 a first program filter comprising a first list of program/event entries that filters the
7 program/event sources to produce a first subset of programs [according to some criteria];
8 a second program filter comprising a second list of program/event entries that filters
9 at least one of the program/event sources and the first subset of programs to produce a second subset
10 of programs [according to another criteria];
11 a selection of [programming] program listing sources including the plurality of
12 program/event sources, the first subset of programs, and the second subset of programs;
13 a user configuration screen having a display of the selection of [programming]
14 program listing sources, wherein a user selects at least one of the plurality of program/event sources,
15 the first program filter and the second program filter from the user configuration screen; and
16 an electronic program guide having display of programs included in said first subset
17 and said second subset.

1 21. (Amended) The [method] interactive filter selective mechanism of claim 20
2 wherein the electronic program guide displays [programming] program listings consisting of
3 programs produced from both the first program filter and the second program filter.

Please cancel claims 22 and 23.

Please add new claims 24-31.

1 -- 24. The method of claim 1 wherein the filters are editable filters.--

1 -- 25. The system of claim 9, wherein the filters are editable filters.--

- 1 -- 26. The method of claim 17, wherein the filters are editable filters.--
- 1 -- 27. The interactive filter selective mechanism of claim 20 wherein the filters are editable
2 filters.--
- 1 -- 28. The method of claim 1 wherein the list of program/event entries is not provided with
2 the program listings.--
- 1 -- 29. The method of claim 9 wherein the first and second lists of program/event entries are
2 not provided with the program listings.--
- 1 -- 30. The method of claim 17 wherein the first and second lists of program/event entries
2 are not provided with the program listings.--
- 1 -- 31. The method of claim 20 wherein the first and second lists of program/event entries
2 are not provided with the program listings.--

REMARKS

In response to the Office action dated November 3, 2000, Applicant has amended claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-12, 14, 15, 17-21, cancelled claims 5, 13, 22, and 23 and added claims 24-31. Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-21, and 24-31 are currently pending in the application. Applicant has amended the independent claims to incorporate the features of claim 5. The amendments find full support in the original specification. Specifically, support for "a list of program/event entries" can be found in the specification, page 5, lines 17-20. No new matter is presented. In view of the above amendments and remarks that follow, Applicant respectfully requests reexamination, reconsideration, a timely indication of allowance.

Applicant wishes to notify the Examiner that the correct name of the inventor is "James J. Leftwich," rather than "Jim Leftwich." Pursuant to section 201.03 of the M.P.E.P. (page 200-4), the Office should simply be notified of the error and a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.48, a new oath, or a